[Mr T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

(*b*) A statement* containing the required information is laid on the table.

First Grade Teachers in English Schools.

161. **MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points: –

(*a*) the number of vacancies at present in the *cadre* of first grade teachers in the English school branch of the Education Department;

(*b*) how long has each of these vacancies been left unfilled;

(*c*) why these vacancies were not filled up then and there; and

(*d*) whether there is any proportion fixed between the number of teachers in the first and in the second grades?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 10.

(*b*) The information required by the member is given below:—

One from the 21st Mithunam 1099.
One from the 24th Chingam 1100.
Three from the 25th Makaram 1100.
One from the 25th Mithunam 1100.
One from the 1st Karkatakam 1100.
One from the 26th Kanni 1101.
One from the 10th Tulam 1101.
One from the 16th Vrischikam 1101.

(*c*) Representations having been received from several teachers to the effect that they had not been assigned in the *Civil List* the rank to which they were rightly entitled, the question of revising the ranking of those in the general list of graduate teachers was taken up by the Government and it was ordered that the question of promotions to the first grade might lie over till the ranking was revised.

(*d*) Yes, the proportion is 1 : 3.

Vernacular Middle School Building, Neyyattinkara.

162. **MR. X. G. LOPEZ** (*Nominated*): (1) Are the Government aware that the building in which classes I to III of the Neyyattinkara Vernacular Middle School for Boys are held is in a perilous condition?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to take immediate steps to put the building in proper order?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) The building is reported to be not in a quite safe condition.

(2) Instructions have already been issued to the Chief Engineer to attend to the repairs of the building at a very early date.

Filling of Vacancies in the English School, Neyyattinkara.

163. **MR. X. G. LOPEZ** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when Mr. P. N. Narayana Pillai, teacher, English High School, Neyyattinkara, took leave;

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(*b*) when Mr. I. Ramakrishna Aiyar, the Headmaster of the said school, took leave preparatory to retirement; and

(*c*) whether proper substitutes have been appointed in the places of these teachers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 15th Chingam 1102.

(*b*) 5th Kanni 1102.

(*c*) Yes.

Villukiri Market.

164. **MR. X. G. LOPEZ** (*Nominated*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there were two private evening markets in close proximity within a distance of about a furlong in Villukiri, Alur *pakuthi*, Kalkulam taluk;

(*b*) when these markets were closed and on what account;

(*c*) whether the Government have opened a new public market at Villukiri for the benefit of all classes of the people of the locality; and

(*d*) whether they are aware that a certain section of the people of the locality, against the interests of the said public market, hold regularly a private market without license within a distance of two furlongs?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of petitions submitted to the Government regarding the conduct of the said unlicensed market; and

(*b*) the action taken on those petitions?

(3) Will the Government be pleased to issue prompt orders to the authorities concerned to see that such unlicensed market is immediately stopped and that the persons concerned in conducting it are properly dealt with?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) There were two private evening markets, one at Pandarakadu and the other at Villukiri, two furlongs away from it.

(*b*) These markets were closed from the 1st Chingam 1102 in pursuance of G. O. Dis. No. 54/26/Judicial, dated the 9th January 1926, as the feelings between the local Nadars and fishermen were very strained and as it was found necessary to close both the markets in the interests of public peace and tranquillity.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The answer is in the negative.

(2) (*a*) One petition was received by the Government complaining against the unauthorised holding of a private market.

(*b*) On enquiry it was found that the allegations regarding the unauthorised holding of another market were groundless.

(3) This question does not arise in view of the answers to parts (2) (*a*) and (*b*).

Encouragement of Dyeing Industry.

165. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state what facilities

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